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MEMORANDUM FOR: P/D - John Mosher  
FROM: P/DH - Saul S. Gefter  
SUBJECT: Afghan Media Staff Weekly Report

1. The grants to Boston University and King Features Syndicate have been signed by the Agency and the grantees and returned to the Office of Contracts. During the past week, P/DH has been working with Prof. Maitre of B.U. and Charles Shutt of Hearst Corp. to finalize their upcoming trip to Pakistan. A meeting was held on July 18 to brief them (Dean Ron Goldman of BU will attend in place of Mr. Maitre.)
2. In order to bring key offices of USIA, State and NSC up to date on the status of the Afghan Media Project and the upcoming trip of the grantee representatives to Pakistan, a meeting was held on July 15, chaired by P/D - John Mosher and attended by State NEA - Charles Dunbar, NSC - Walt Raymond, GC - Merry Lynn, P/DH - Saul Gefter and Norman Burger, NEA - Doug Smith and P/G - John Scafe.
3. Following up on a request from USIS Managua, P/DH submitted on July 11 a request to the Agency Photo Lab for preparation of photographs on Afghanistan. Once these materials are available, they will be sent to the post along with a videotape on Afghanistan provided by the Committee for a Free Afghanistan.
4. On July 14, Saul Gefter met with Ambassador Charles Dunbar and Zalmay Khalilzad, State SP, to discuss current project developments.
5. On July 15, at the request of Tina Westby, Legislative Assistant to Congressman Bill McCollum, Mr. Gefter briefed her via telephone on the AMP.
6. P/DH prepared a response to a Z-gram confirming the factoring of the Director's conversation with GOP Foreign Minister Yaqub Khan into planning for the AMP.
7. Acting upon information provided by David Watt of USIA TV, P/DH has contacted Mr. Obaidullah Essar, former Professor of Journalism at Kabul University, and expect to meet with him and possibly have him meet with the grantee representatives on July 18th.

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8. Budget information for the 4th quarter of FY 86 has been prepared by and submitted to P/DY - Sam President.

9. On July 17, Norman Burger and Barbara Hachmann visited Defense Reutilization and Marketing Offices (DRMO's) at Ft. Meade, Brandywine and Ft. Belvoir. The purpose of these visits was to select additional camera and typewriter equipment for shipment via the McCollum process and to distribute packing material to be used to protect items being shipped.

10. In response to a listing she spotted in the International Visitors roster, Barbara Hachmann arranged for P/DH to meet on July 17 with Mr. Syed Mohsin Ali, Deputy Controller of Pakistan TV in Islamabad. During the meeting, it was decided to try having Mr. Mohsin meet with the grantee representatives during their visit on July 18. We anticipate that our contact with Mr. Mohsin should prove most helpful as the AMP develops.

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